

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4838  
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BROADBAND INTERNET FACILITY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Broadband internet facility has penetrated the rural areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the speed of Broadband is 2 MB or less than that;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to reduce the tariff for the unlimited use of 2MB Broadband facility; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) About 2350 Blocks covering more than 20,000 villages have been covered with Broadband connectivity.
- (c) & (d) The minimum speed of Broadband is 256 Kbps which can be increased upto 8 Mbps depending upon the distance of the customer from the serving exchange and the condition of cable pair available.
- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.